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CLAIMS

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1 ~~Vehicle lift, comprising at least two~~
 lifting columns which are each separately displaceable in
 an unloaded state thereof and comprise a column provided
 with a support foot, a carriage guided slidably in
 10 longitudinal direction of this column, a lifting member
 arranged on a foot end of the carriage, drive means for
 displacing the carriage in longitudinal direction
 relative to the column and control means for the drive
 means, wherein the lifting device is provided with
 15 connecting lines for connecting the control means of the
 columns and operating means connected to the connecting
 lines for at least simultaneous actuation of the control
 A means of all lifting columns, ^{wherein} ~~characterized in that~~ the
 connecting lines form part of a digital data bus and the
 20 operating and control means are adapted such that they
 exchange digital control signals via this data bus.

2. Vehicle lift as claimed in claim 1, wherein
 each lifting column comprises safety means for switching
 off the drive means on activation thereof, wherein the
 25 safety means likewise exchange digital control signals
 via the data bus.

A 3. Vehicle lift as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~,
 wherein the digital data bus is of the two-wire CAN type.

A 4. Vehicle lift as claimed in ^{claim 1} ~~any of the~~
 A 30 ~~foregoing claims~~, wherein all lifting columns are
 connected by the connecting lines in a closed circuit.

A 5. Vehicle lift as claimed in ^{claim 1} ~~any of the~~
 A ~~foregoing claims~~, wherein each lifting column comprises
 operating means and switching means are provided for
 35 switching on specific control means of a lifting column
 as operating means for the whole lifting device.

A 6. Vehicle lift as claimed in ^{claim 1} ~~any of the~~
 A ~~foregoing claims~~, wherein at least one lifting column is

provided with an electrical power supply connection and a number of other lifting columns are not, and the connecting lines comprise electrical supply lines.

A 7. Vehicle lift as claimed in ^{claim 1} ~~any of the~~
 A 5 ~~foregoing claims~~, wherein the operating and control means are adapted such that, after arranging of the connecting means, they assign to each of the lifting columns a serial number intended for addressing of the control signals.

A 10 8. Vehicle lift as claimed in ^{claim 1} ~~any of the~~
 A ~~foregoing claims~~, wherein the operating and control means comprise adjusting members for mutually associating determined lifting columns to form independently operable pairs.

A 15 9. Vehicle lift as claimed in ^{claim 8} ~~claims 7 and 8~~, wherein the adjusting members mutually associate determined lifting columns by recording in the control means the respective serial numbers of the mutually associated lifting columns.

20 10. Vehicle lift as claimed in claim 9, wherein lifting columns of each of the mutually associated lifting columns standing adjacently in a determined direction are mutually associated to form an independently operable pair.

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